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In the SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, beginning at line 5 with the following paragraph:

In an embodiment of the invention, as outlined in Fig. 6, the entire outer surface 10 of the shotshell 1, including the case 3 and the hull 2, is sprayed using an inkjet printer head or a plurality of inkjet printer heads 20 for applying indicia, such as a camouflage pattern, to a substantial portion of the external surface ~~24~~10 of the shotshell 1.

Please replace the two paragraphs beginning on page 15, line 3 with the following:

Preferably, ink used in the inkjet printer heads 20 is a UV-curable ink. The resulting indicia printed onto the shotshells 1 is durable and not easily removed or abraded from the surface. Following spraying of the pattern onto the shotshell 1, the printed shotshell 1 is conveyed to a UV source 50 positioned inside a housing or curing tunnel 51 where the source of UV light 50 is directed to the external surface of the printed shotshell 1 for curing the ink thereon.

Following curing, the conveyor 31 transports the printed shotshells 11 to an exit 52 where the printed shotshells 11 are removed from the conveyor 31 and are incorporated into conventional loading and packaging apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17 at line 3 with the following paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 40b10c, the hull orientor 35 is positioned below the curing tunnel 51. A timing screw 82 acts to align the shotshells 1 with the spindles 32 as the conveyor belt 33 moves from the hull orientor 35 to the print heads 20 positioned above. The shotshells 1 are retained on the spindles using magnets 41 and are ejected from the spindles 32 using the air jet 54(not shown), as previously described.

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Please replace the paragraph on page 17 beginning at line 21 with the following paragraph:

Heat shrinking film technology is known and is currently used for processing the surface of cylindrical objects such as soda cans and the like, as disclosed in ~~PCT application WOEP~~ 00689992 to Sukeyasu et al. and ~~WOEP~~ 00017316 to Thawley et al. and incorporated herein by reference. Preprinted sleeves are placed over the cylindrical object and the film is then heated to cause shrinking of the film onto the surface of the object. Printing of the sleeve, preferably using a camouflage pattern, may be incorporated into the process or can be separately performed prior to heat shrinking.

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Applicant has amended the disclosure, as recommended at page 17, line 3 to reference Figure 10c, not Figure 10b as originally filed. Further, in the same paragraph the specification has been amended to indicate the air jet is not shown in Figure 10c.

Applicant has amended the specification at page 13 to remove reference numeral 21 and replace it with reference numeral 10 shown in the Figures as originally filed.

Applicant has further amended the specification at page 15 to remove reference to "printed ammunition" and to more correctly reference "printed shotshells" in reference to shotshells which have passed through the printed process described herein. Similarly, the language of claim 1 has been amended to include the term "printed shotshells" where appropriate and thus Applicant believes that the terminology is consistent throughout and the specification provides proper antecedent for the claimed subject matter. Under 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP 608.01(o).

Further, Applicant has corrected an error in the specification in which the references were listed as PCT applications with WO publication numbers, when in fact the applications were published EP applications. Applicant apologizes for the confusion and believes that the specification now correctly identifies the references which are incorporated by reference in the application.